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In the Matter of the Release of Statutory Deposit of:) Docket No. 98A-002-INS
PARTNERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 90760),	ORDER)))
Petitioner.)

On March 16, 1998, the Office of Administrative
Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal,
submitted "Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge"
("Recommended Decision"), a copy of which is attached and
incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Arizona
Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and
enters the following order:

- 1. The recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted.
- 2. Petitioner is entitled to the release of its statutory deposit in the sum of \$100,000.00 and Petitioner's statutory deposit will be released to the Petitioner after the Department has received the following: a) payment of \$135.01 to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund; b) a copy of Petitioner's Articles of Dissolution certified as having been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission; and c) a fully executed copy of the official State Treasurer Release Receipt.

3. The sum of \$100.00 previously credited to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund will be refunded to Petitioner, pursuant to A.R.S. §20-159.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The aggrieved party may request a rehearing with respect to this Order by filing a written petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis for such relief pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-114(B).

The final decision of the Director may be appealed to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.10.

DATED this _____ day of March, 1998.

John A. Greene

Director of Insurance

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 23rd day of March, 1998 to:

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IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Release of Statutory Deposit of:

PARTNERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (NAIC No. 90760),

Petitioner.

No. 98A-002-INS

RECOMMENDED DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

HEARING: February 27, 1998

APPEARANCES: Tom S. Wimberley for the Petitioner; Kurt Regner for the Arizona Department of Insurance

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lewis D. Kowal

On February 27, 1998, a hearing took place to consider the application of Partners Life Insurance Company (the "Petitioner"), for the release of its statutory deposit pursuant to A.R.S. §20-588 and A.A.C. R20-6-303.

Based upon the entire record in this matter, the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. At least 10 business days before the hearing of this matter, Petitioner gave special notice to creditors and policyholders of the Petitioner, setting forth the date, place, nature and purpose of the hearing, as evidenced by an affidavit of publication.
- 2. Petitioner represented that it has no known creditors. The Petitioner has surrendered its certificate of authority to the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department").
- 3. Previously, the Petitioner filed with the Department its certified financial statement as of October 31, 1997, and arranged for the payment of insurance and non-insurance obligations of Petitioner. Petitioner has arranged for a guarantor for its financial obligations.
 - 4. The Petitioner has a \$100,000.00 statutory deposit with the Department.
- 5. The Petitioner has a \$100.00 deposit with the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund ("IERF").

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- 6. The Petitioner has complied with the provisions of A.R.S. §20-588 and A.A.C. R20-6-303, relating to the release of its \$100,000.00 statutory deposit.
 - 7. Petitioner currently owes \$135.01 to the IERF.

RECOMMENDED ORDER

The undersigned Administrative Law Judge recommends that:

- 1. Petitioner is entitled to the release of its statutory deposit in the sum of \$100,000.00 and Petitioner's statutory deposit shall be released to the Petitioner after the Department has received the following: a) payment of \$135.01 to the IERF; b) a copy of Petitioner's Articles of Dissolution certified as having been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission; and c) a fully executed copy of the official State Treasurer Release Receipt.
- 2. The sum of \$100.00 previously credited to the IERF be refunded to Petitioner, pursuant to A.R.S. §20-159.

Done this day: March 16, 1998.

LEWIS D. KOWAL

Administrative Law Judge

Original transmitted by mail this ______ day of March, 1998, to:

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